

## SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 7 September to 13 September 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues,  
Eight.

### Incident 1:

Beacon ID: ADCD428AE40028D

On 8 September 2012 at 1032 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 28 55.0N 89 26.0W, 62 NM southeast of New Orleans, LA. Coast Guard District 8 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD8) received a SARSAT alert from the F/V De Queen. CGD8 learned from a registered contact, the vessel was underway with 5 people on board. CGD8 Issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast, launched an MH-65 helicopter, launched the Cutter Razorbill, and contacted the Southwest Pass Pilot Station to request their assistance. The Pilot Station reported seeing a flare on the west side of the jetties which correlated to the distressed vessel's position and launched a small boat to the SW pass. The Pilot boat located the De Queen which was taking on water. The De Queen's crew was safe on a nearby jetty. The Pilot boat picked up the five crew members and informed CGD8. CGD8 had the MH-65 return to base, and stood down the Razorbill.

### **5 SARSAT RESCUES**

### Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DD6C0DA3F81FE0

On 9 September 2012 at 2208 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 35 49.2 N, 121 23.1 W, 38 NM northwest of Paso Robles, CA. A Cessna Skywagon float plane, with 2 people on board, radioed Los Angeles Air Traffic Control, stating they had experienced engine failure, and were attempting to make a water landing 500 yards off the California Coast. The plane was damaged during the landing because of rough seas. The 2 people on board activated their PLB, and waited in the plane for rescue. Air Force (AFRCC) and PACAREA Rescue Coordination Centers received the SARSAT alert. Next, AFRCC was called by Los Angeles Air Traffic Control, which relayed information received from the Skywagon about its distress situation. AFRCC forwarded the information to PACAREA,

which assumed responsibility for the case. PACAREA issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast, and dispatched MH-65 helicopters to the SARSAT coordinates. A Coast Guard helicopter located the partially capsized plane, deployed a rescue swimmer, and hoisted both men on board. The two men were taken to Paso Robles, where they declined medical attention.

## **2 SARSAT RESCUES**

### Incident 3

Beacon ID: 2DCE4E0CEEFFBFF

On 12 September 2012 at 0421 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 70 56.8N 156 36.1W, 20 NM south of Barrow, AK. The driver of a snow machine activated his PLB when his snow machine broke down. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the alert and forwarded the information to North Slope Borough Search and Rescue (NSB) center. NSB launched a helicopter to distress location and rescued the driver. No injuries were reported.

### **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 239

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 182

*Significance:* The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Sinquefield, 301-817-4757)